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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 097854

1. ON MAY 5 CHARGE MADE DEMARCHE ALONG LINES OF REFTEL TO MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL PIERRE WURTH, STRESSING THAT FRENCH-SPEAKING VIETNAMESE WOULD CERTAINLY ADAPT WELL TO LIFE IN LUXEMBOURG. WURTH REACTED POSITIVELY AND PROMISED TO INFORM PRIME MINISTER THORN SHORTLY. HE OBSERVED THAT GOL MIGHT EITHER 1) AGREE TO REVIEW SYMPATHETICALLY ANY VIETNAMESE REQUEST FOR RESETTLEMENT IN LUXEMBOURG, OR 2) AGREE TO RECEIVE A SET NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. CHARGE URGED OPTION 2) WHICH WURTH SAID HE WOULD REPEAT TO THORN.

2. COMMENT. THORN MAY ENCOUNTER SOME OPPOSITION FROM THE SOCIALIST MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET IF HE PROPOSES OPTION 2). IF GOL CAN ONLY ACCEPT OPTION 1), WE COULD PROBABLY ACHIEVE RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE HERE BY QUIETLY SUGGESTING THAT SMALL NUMBER OF REFUGEES APPLY EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO RESIDE IN LUXEMBOURG.TARNOFF
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